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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ronald P. ROHRBACH et al

Serial No.: 09/867,973

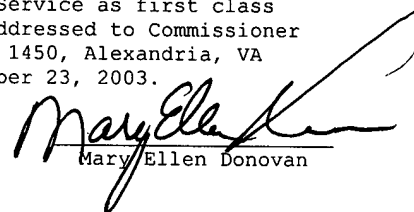
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action  
mailed August 13, 2003. A Terminal Disclaimer and fee therefor  
is submitted herewith.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 and 13-16 under  
the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double  
patenting as unpatentable over U.S. Serial No. 10/233,852 in  
view of DeJovine. Although Applicants respectfully disagree  
with the Examiner's conclusion of obviousness, in order to  
facilitate the prosecution of the present application, a  
Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to obviate the  
rejection. As no other grounds of rejection have been  
presented, Applicants respectfully submit that the application

is in proper condition for allowance, and they request early action toward that end.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. L. Marshall", written over a horizontal line.

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